

Minutes
West Virginia University Faculty Senate
Monday, February 10, 2025 – 3:15 P.M
Location: WVU College of Law, Zoom

Faculty Senate Chair Diana Davis called the meeting to order at 3:15 P.M.

Members Present:

Abate, M.	Dahle, G.	Hedrick, J.	O'Quinn, J.	Thayer, J.
Abraham, J.	Davis, D.	Hood, C.	Ostrowski, A.	Thomay, A.
Ameri, S.	Deci, S.	Horstick, E.	Peck, A.	Totzkay, D.
Barghouthi, N.	Demarco, F.	Johnson, D.	Pena-Yewtukhiw, E.	Unger, K.
Beall, A.	Dilcher, B.	Jones, J.	Phillips, B.	Valenti, M.
Bergeron, J.	Dumitrescu, C.	Jones, M.	Phillips, T.	Vance, B.
Best, K.	Elliott, E.	Kelly, C.	Powell, B.	Velichkovski, D.
Bhandari, R.	Elswick, D.	Kim, D.	Prinzo, L.	Vester, M.
Bianco, C.	Fidelman, E.	Lastinger, A.	Reece, J.	Walker, J.
Bilgesu, I.	Field, J.	Leary, B.	Ruseski, J.	Wartella, J.
Bonasso, P.	Fleming, S.	Leary, M.	Scally, J.	Watson, K.
Bresock, K.	Floyd, K.	Leight, M.	Siekmeier, J.	Wayne, S.
Brewster, D.	Fonseca, C.	Li, H.	Singh-Corcoran, N.	Weatherford, L.
Bryner, R.	Fullen, M.	Liller, B.	Soccorsi, A.	Weislogel, A.
Burnside, J.	Galvez Peralta, M.	Lucci, S.	Sowards, A.	Williams, D.
Chisholm, S.	Graves, C.	Martin, E.	Staniscia, S.	Witsberger, S.
Collignon, S.	Greenfield, J.	McWilliams, S.	Stueckle, J.	Woloshuk, J.
Cook, A.	Gross, J.	Milans, K.	Sundararajan, V.	Zeni, T.
Corcoran, K.	Hairston, P.	Miller, C.	Tack, F.	
Cottrell, L.	Hambrick, G.	Moser, J.	Tarabishy, A.	
Coy, A.	Hamrick, A.	Murphy, E.	Taylor, G.	
Crichlow, S.	Hatipoglu, K.	Nolan, K.	Terry, D.	

Members Excused:

Bardes, J.	Costello, L.	M'Bayo, T.	Nix, A.
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Members Absent:

Adkins, B.	Descoteaux, J.	Kidd, K.	Nguyen, J.	Sokos, G.
Ballard, D.	Dietz, P.	Labus, A.	Olgers, F.	Udassi, S.
Bogdansky, K.	Dimachkie, Z.	Lituma, C.	Olson, D.	Utzman, R.
Carducci, H.	Dionne, C.	Livengood, H.	Palmer, A.	Woodberry, K.
Celikbas, E.	Giacobbi, P.	McCloskey, J.	Panta, Y.	
Chapman, K.	Hanif, A.	McCluskey, C.	Pyles, L.	
Dadyburjor, D.	Kerr, P.	Murray, A.	Sizemore, J.	

1. The [Minutes](#) of the January 13, 2025, Faculty Senate meeting were approved as presented.
2. Report from Faculty Senate Chair – Diana Davis

- a. Chair Davis provided an update on recent developments affecting the university, including changes stemming from state and federal actions. She reassured faculty that Senate leadership have been in constant contact with university leadership and the government relations team to address concerns and maintain open communication. Faculty members are encouraged to reach out to Vice President Meshea Poore or Associate Vice President Travis Mollohan with concerns.
 - b. A recent meeting with the Office of Sponsored Programs regarding modernization initiatives and customer service updates was positive, with significant progress reported. Davis emphasized the need for strong leadership to navigate changes in funding related to recent federal and state policy development.
 - c. Davis yielded the floor to Shared Governance Committee Chair Scott Wayne.
 - d. Wayne reviewed faculty-identified criteria for the next university president and the committee's role in the selection process.
3. Report from Patrice Harris, WVU Board of Governors Vice-Chair – Presidential Search Updates
 - a. Harris confirmed that the Board of Governors has selected finalists who will undergo in-person interviews. The search committee will also review written responses from finalists regarding shared governance and faculty roles in institutional/academic policy. Questions were raised regarding transparency in the selection process, but Dr. Harris stated that specific details could not yet be disclosed.
 4. The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

Curriculum Committee

For Approval – New Program – NEW-TBD: Construction Management, Key: 1676

For Approval – New Program – NEW-TBD: Artificial Intelligence, Key: 1648

For Approval – New Program – NEW-TBD: PSC-Radiology Technology, Key: 1518

For Approval – Program Change – MATH_BS: Mathematics, Key: 148

For Approval – Program Change – CHEM_BS: Chemistry, Key: 130

For Approval – Program Change – INTS_GC_AOE: Global Connections, Key: 185

For Approval – Program Change – INTS_SD_AOE: Security and Diplomacy, Key: 188

For Approval – Program Change – INTS_BA: International Studies, Key: 140

For Approval – Program Change – PSC_HLSC_AAS: PSC-Health Sciences, Key: 1033

For Approval – Program Change – DSGN_ST_BS: Design Studies, Key: 567

For Approval – New Course Report – [Annex I](#)

For Approval – Course Change Report – [Annex II](#)

5. Curriculum Committee Report – Darko Velichkovski
 - a. Velichkovski provided an update on the committee's work, noting that 27 program proposals and 177 course proposals were reviewed since the last Faculty Senate meeting. He acknowledged the committee's hard work and encouraged faculty to express appreciation for their efforts.

6. General Education Foundations Committee Report – Cody Hood
 - a. Hood discussed recent updates to the General Education Foundations (GEF) proposal review process, ensuring alignment between GEF criteria and the related fields in CIM.
7. Teaching and Assessment Committee Report – Sheri Chisholm
 - a. Chisholm reported on participation rates in the recent SPOT survey and efforts to enhance student engagement in evaluations. She also addressed concerns about how neutral responses are interpreted in performance evaluations and invited faculty feedback on the matter.
8. Committee on Committees Report – Ilkin Bilgesu
 - a. Bilgesu reminded faculty to participate in the upcoming Faculty Senate committee volunteer survey, which will be distributed at the end of February or early March.
9. Report from Faculty Representative to State Government – Eloise Elliott
 - a. Elliott provided a legislative update, noting that the session would begin on February 12 and run through April 12. She emphasized ongoing monitoring of executive orders and legislation affecting the university, stating that she had few updates to report while the institution was still trying to determine the impact of the DEI bill and other recently introduced legislation.
 - b. Elliott emphasized that Travis Mollohan and the Government Relations Team is actively working on behalf of the University in relation to the current session.
 - c. The WVU Day at the Legislature is March 5.
10. Board of Governors Report – Lesley Cottrell
 - a. Cottrell briefly reiterated points from Dr. Harris’s report, confirming that the presidential search remains a top priority and that faculty representatives have been actively engaged in the process.
11. Honors College Experiential Learning Program Update – Ken Blemings & Clarissa Estep
[Link to Presentation Slides - PDF](#)
 - a. Blemings and Estep introduced the new Honors in Action program, designed to enhance experiential learning and career readiness for Honors College students. The program will utilize a badging system through the Sutable platform to track student achievements and provide digital credentials. Faculty were encouraged to share information about the program with students.
12. Report from Charlie Long, WVU Student Body President – Peer-to-Peer Survey
[Link to Presentation Slides - PDF](#)
 - a. Long presented findings from a student survey on classroom engagement and peer-to-peer interaction. Key insights included strong student support for group work, concerns about loneliness on campus, and recommendations for faculty to incorporate interactive learning strategies. He encouraged faculty to explore ways to enhance student engagement and suggested disseminating findings through faculty newsletters and student media.

13. Report from Interim Provost Paul Kreider

- a. Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Accreditation: The self-study report is available for faculty review, with feedback open until February 17. The HLC site visit is scheduled for March 31-April 1.
- b. Faculty Awards: Deadlines for various teaching and research awards have passed; applications extended for the Caperton and Caveney Awards.
- c. Associate Provost Richard Thomas will retire on June 30. An internal search for his replacement will be launched soon.
- d. Freshman admissions to the Honors College have increased compared to the previous year, with 968 students admitted and 572 deposits received.

14. Faculty Senate Elections – Call for Faculty Senator Nominations

- a. Chair Davis recognized Faculty Senate Office Administrator Corey Hunt, who provided an update on Faculty Senate representation calculations, upcoming senator nominations and elections, and that applications for the Faculty Secretary and Faculty Representative to State Government officer roles will be accepted until April 14.

15. No new business was introduced.

16. Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m., to reconvene March 10, 2025.

Corey Hunt

Faculty Senate Office Administrator